transmitter and a Studio for production of programmes.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Due to constraints of manpower, resources and other infrastructural facilities, at present news bulletins are telecast from State capitals only in the language of that State, Urdu being the only exception.

Successful candidates not appointed by Air India

3565. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that hundreds of candidates every year are interviewed after clearing written tests by Air India for various posts, but the successful candidates are not appointed for years, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) the details of the interviews held for various posts during the last year and this year and the number of candidates given appointment so far, post-wise; and

(c) the reasons for delay in sending appointment letters to the remaining successful candidates and by when they are likely to be given appointment?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Extension of numbering facility system for customs clearance of Cargo

3566. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Federation of Indian Export Organisations had urged Government to extend the numbering facility system for customs clearance of cargo laden trucks at the Petrapole Benapole border point in West Bengal etc.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such demands have some justification;

(d) whether Government propose to accept these demands to reduce traffic congestion at this point; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (e) About 800 to 1000 trucks per day carry export cargo from Petrapole in West Bengal to Benapole in Bangladesh border. At Benapole/Bangladesh, authorities are in a position to accept only about 250 trucks a day, resulting in the balance of trucks causing severe congestion and bottleneck on the Petrapole Benapole Approach Road. In order to provide for smooth flow of goods from Petrapole to Benapole the Customs Commissionerate West Bengal introduced a system of giving serial numbers to about 250 trucks which alone move to Bangladesh in a day. The numbers are given on a first come first served basis. The rest of the trucks which have not obtaineld the serial numbers from the Customs office at Petrapole are moved from the Highway and parked in the Parking lots adjoining Petrapole. The above system reduced the bottleneck in the Petrapole—Benapole Highway.

FIEO has suggested that this facility may be computerised and extended to two other approach roads through which trucks carrying export cargo to Bangladesh pass. These suggestions are under consideration.

New guidelines by Medical Council of India for internship of Medical Graduates

3567. SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that new guidelines have been issued the Medical Council of India to the medical graduates from the erstwhile Soviet Union for their internship;